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Applicant: Shedden
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For: ACTIVE LOG READ I/O BALANCING FOR LOG
DUPLEXING
Filed: 19 JAN 2000
Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin
Art Unit: 2172
Confirmation No.: 3119
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AMENDMENT

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Applicant is submitting the present document in response to an Office Action dated 17 DEC 2003 (hereinafter "the Office Action"). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

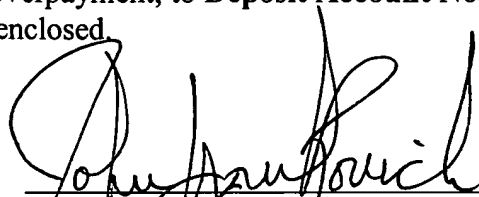
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	18	Minus	21	0	x \$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$86.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				PAID		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$_____.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 09-0460**. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

March 16, 2004

Date



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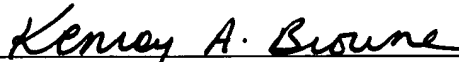
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON MARCH 16, 2004.

KENROY A. BROWNE

NAME



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DATE